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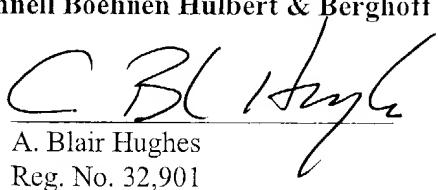
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Respectfully submitted,
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff

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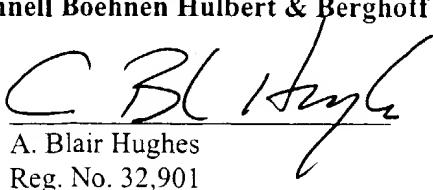
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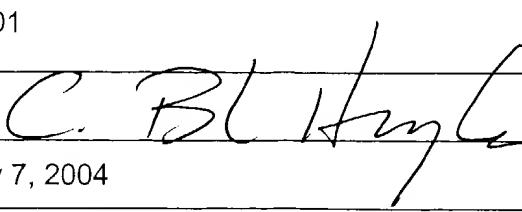
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$
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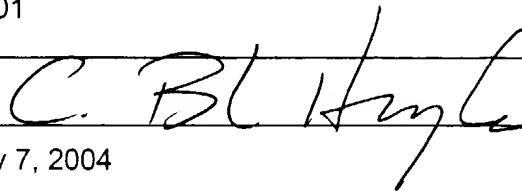
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